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Among the many excellent movements which have recently been made for the intellectual, social, and business improvement of professional persons, the formation of a National Union by the telegraph operators of the country appears to us to be the most important. The photographer and the magnetic telegrapher have become of commanding importance to the press, and, consequently, to all classes of society. Upon their accuracy and fidelity depends the diffusion of historic truth. As may be presumed, the object of the telegraph operators in forming their National Union is the advancement of their general interest and the elevation of the standard of the profession which is productive of so much benefit to the business community. The preliminary organization was made in New York last November by a few of the operators of that city, but since that time it has increased in numbers and strength with great rapidity.

Branch districts have been formed in all of the States of the Union, from Maine to Salt Lake City, and the number of applicants for admission is greatly increasing. The purposes of the Union are the supporting of its members in sickness and adversity, the elevation of the character, and the standing of the general interests of the fraternity, in a manner that will produce beneficial results to the employees and employed. A fund for the support of operators in sickness, or while out of employment, is provided by a pro rata assessment on all the members, according to the salary which is received.

All members are pledged to exert themselves to obtain employment for such as are in need of it and deserving. As the peculiar nature of the business calls most of those persons engaged in it from their homes and friends, this provision will be of great benefit to those who, while at home, are struck down with sickness.

By the rules of the Union no person is allowed to receive instruction from members who are not properly qualified and capable of performing correctly and creditably the responsible duties of the art. Of late years many persons claiming to be proficient have obtained employment by some means, and not only brought discredit upon themselves, but upon the whole profession by their blunders and incapacity.

If a proper and judicious course is pursued by the members of the Union, much good must result to themselves, and the interests of the telegraphs of the country will be greatly advanced. What will be to their interests will also be of profit and gain to the public; for, unless correct and reliable operators are to be had, but little serviceable operators can be obtained.

#### CONTINUING MY PREGNANCIES.

Again I am started! Now I chat with a teamster, and next with a negro. Did you not draw a paragon between the sensible and the ignorant? In the course of my conversation with him he became acquainted with his wife, a daughter of a well-known Mobile broker. The pair were enamored of each other, and all things being equal it is only the circumstances—the surroundings and the influence of the moment—that create such horrid desires. In ten minutes after we had been seated over the fire, the negro, with the asked eye, could see the hot water basted to pieces. The rebels, not hasty enough to get killed, crept out of their holes and houses, and, with a yell and a half-pint of firewater, came to the rescue. The rebel army having opened the ball by waking the Captain from his morning nap, he receives such attention as a sound and uncomremoned attack of the rebels.

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**THE START IN LIFE OF A MILLIONAIRE.**—Mr. Toby, the son of the Hudson river steamer, is a millionaire. He is not yet 20 years old. He has a large steamboat with Commodore Vanderbilt. When took his position the Commodore gave him two orders, first to collect fare of everybody, and no dead-heads on the boat, and second, to bring him to New York, and wait for nobody. Toby obeyed his orders so literally that he faced the crew of the old man, dying, let the son free to wed the maiden of his choice. He immediately took passage, and after several delays reached New York, and, after staying a few weeks, got out for this place, where, free from care, the young Cuban and his bride, it is to be hoped, are happy ever after. The boy had no money, and when he got to New York, he sold his boat, and followed his bride to Cuba, where they are now.

**UPWARD AND ONWARD.**—Still onward until I pass by the 14th corps, when I strike the Army of the Ohio. Between the latter and the corps on their left is an interval of an eighth of a mile, an impassable gulf, half a mile distant. In the woe's shadow, sharpshooters and they are keenly on the alert for a passer-by. As I ride along the road, somebody cries out to me, "Toby, stop!" I stop. The Commodore was coming down the wharf leisurely, and supposed of course the boat would wait for him. So he became his confidential agent and brought him to the grave, while Miss F. was conducting a party for your ladies. Not did you come back? The world is not better off than before?" Another cries out, "No, he ain't no sinner; he's a Christian Commission man. I don't see the sin in the cross wearin'." The old man died, left the son free to wed the maiden of his choice. He immediately took passage, and after several delays reached New York, and, after staying a few weeks, got out for this place, where, free from care, the young Cuban and his bride, it is to be hoped, are happy ever after. The boy had no money, and when he got to New York, he sold his boat, and followed his bride to Cuba, where they are now.

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